

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in the application. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Nonami (U.S. Patent 6,647,258). The Examiner has rejected Claims 2 and 4-10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nonami in view of Moran (U.S. Patent App. Pub. 2002/0073142).

Regarding independent Claim 1, the Examiner states that Nonami anticipates all of the elements of the Claim. Claim 1 recites that the message is stored. In order to further clarify the storing step over Nonami, which discloses a portable radio communication apparatus that does not allow a user to determine a button to associate a message with as evidenced by the fact that Nonami requires the use of a read only memory, Claim 1 has been amended to read, “storing the message associated with the determined button”. Based on at least the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejection to independent Claim 1 is respectfully requested.

Regarding independent Claims 4 and 8, the Examiner states that the claims are obvious over Nonami in view of Moran. Moran discloses a messaging system and method, which requires a user to first determine if a feature key is pressed and then enter a directory number. Moran merely discloses transmitting a message after pressing a telephone number of a second party and inputting the number, whereas Claims 4 and 8 of the present application clearly disclose transmitting a message to a called mobile terminal while a calling mobile terminal attempts to establish a call connection with the called mobile terminal. Based on at least the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejection to independent Claims 4 and 8 is respectfully requested.

Independent Claims 1, 4 and 8 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 2, 3, 5-7, 9 and10, these are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on their respective amended independent claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of dependent Claims 2, 3, 5-7, 9 and10 is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-10, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

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